

# Quality and Safety in Healthcare/Social Care



Course	NFQ Level	Credits
Post Graduate Diploma in Quality and Safety (Health and Social Care)	Level 9 (1 Year)	60
Master of Science in Quality and Safety in Health Care	Level 9 (2 Years)	90
Master of Science in Quality and Safety in Social Care	Level 9 (2 Years)	90

## Application Route

Apply direct to ATU Graduate Studies and Professional Development Galway-Mayo



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## Overview

This suite of programmes has been designed for people working in social care, clinical, administrative and practitioner settings who want to develop their skills and qualifications in the areas of health and social care.

These programmes are designed around five key themes:

1. Towards a new understanding of quality care in contemporary health and social care
2. Improving service user safety
3. Enhancing the care experience of service users
4. Developing a systematic approach to quality improvement methodology
5. Leadership and management as quality improvement drivers in health and social care





It is possible to undertake modules as single subject certificates.

## Career Opportunities

This programme offers an invaluable opportunity for eligible graduates to benefit from an enhanced level of knowledge and skills in quality and safety.

Graduates will particularly benefit in pursuing a career path in quality management, audit, compliance, general management and person safety roles. These roles vary across the emerging spectrum of health and social care.

Graduates will advance their career prospects in terms of promotion eligibility and post-graduate training. This may be in management and or specialist areas such as clinical risk or quality improvement within the health and social care environment.

## Entry Requirements

The entry requirement for undertaking the programmes is an Honours Degree (H2.2) in any health or social care discipline or recognised cognate professional qualification and 1 year fulltime relevant work experience which must be in the last five years.

## Why study Quality and Safety?

Patient/Client safety is fundamental to delivering quality health and social care services that are effective and in line with the needs of the population which they serve. This postgraduate programme aims to develop learners' knowledge and skills in the domain of quality and patient safety within the health and social care sectors. The student will develop the ability to comprehensively understand effective quality and safety agendas in their own professional setting. The programme examines advanced governance principles for quality, safety and risk management and will equip the student with a set of skills that can be utilised in their day-to-day practice. Students will learn how to build a culture of high performance, innovation, and safety in an intellectually stimulating environment.



## Mode of Delivery

This suite of programmes uses blended delivery, offering a flexible approach to teaching and learning that uses a combination of online, self-directed study and face-to-face classes. This means it is delivered both online with some days onsite in the ATU-Mayo Campus.

**Year 1:** In this stage the student undertakes a total of 6 modules - 3 across each semester. In year 1 of the programme, there are 16 days onsite over the year (4 x 2 days in Semester 1 and same in Semester 2) - typically Thursday afternoons and all day on Fridays. All else is delivered online (directed learning-asynchronized) that the student undertakes in their own time.

**Year 2:** The research project in year 2 is managed via direct supervision in which you arrange 1:1 meetings with your supervisor(s). This can be managed through virtual or onsite meetings.

## Application Process

Applications will open mid Spring 2023 via the ATU website [www.atu.ie/postgraduate-galwaymayo](http://www.atu.ie/postgraduate-galwaymayo) and must be fully completed by July 2023.

## Start Dates

Online induction for registered students will be arranged for a date in September 2023. All students must have fully completed all steps of the registration process to be able to attend this online induction and commence the programme.



## I want to know more. Who can I talk to?

Please visit the ATU website [www.atu.ie/mayo](http://www.atu.ie/mayo) for additional detail relating to these programmes.

**Dr Carmel Heaney** is the Programme Chair for these programmes. She will be happy to help you with academic queries. **E [carmel.heaney@atu.ie](mailto:carmel.heaney@atu.ie)**

For queries relating to the application process please email: **[learn.galwaymayo@atu.ie](mailto:learn.galwaymayo@atu.ie)**

For queries relating to fees for this programme please visit: **[www.atu.ie/fees-galwaymayo](http://www.atu.ie/fees-galwaymayo)**



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